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SUMMARY. THE PROTOCOL AND MEDIA TREATMENT PATTERN WHICH HAS
BEEN ACCORDED TO VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, WHOSE
POLITICAL IMPORTANCE HAS CLIMBED STEADILY SINCE HIS REHABILITATION
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LAST YEAR, SUGGESTS THAT TENG HAS EMERGED AS THE FIRST ALTERNATE
TO PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. MEANWHILE, IN CHINA'S POLITICALLY
LOADED CULTURAL SPHERE, A RECENT ARTICLE HAS DEFENDED A
CURRENT PLAY, WHOSE HEROINE BY IMPLICATION RESEMBLES CHIANG
CHING, AGAINST AN "ULTRA LEFT" CHARGE. ON THE INTERNATIONAL
FRONT, NCNA HAS REPORTED INDIA'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION WITHOUT
COMMENT. INDIA'S ENTRY INTO THE NUCLEAR CLUB IS CLEARLY AN
UNWELCOME DEVELOPMENT FROM PEKING'S POINT OF VIEW, BUT THE

PRC IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN OPPOSING INDIA'S TESTING PROGRAM. PRC MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE U.S. CONTINUES TO INCLUDE A MIXTURE OF NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE ELEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. TENG, CHOU AND THE "PRIME MINISTER"

WITH THE MAKARIOS VISIT (ITEM 18), VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING'S STATUS AS FIRST ALTERNATE TO PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI HAS BEEN SIGNALLED TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE. TENG LED THE PRC AIRPORT TURNOUT AND, AS HE HAD WITH PAKISTAN PRESIDENT BHUTTO THE WEEK BEFORE, REPRESENTED THE PRC AT BANQUETS FOR AND TALKS WITH MAKARIOS. ONCE AGAIN, TENG SAT IN CHOU'S CUSTOMARY PLACE DURING THE CALL ON MAO. SINCE PRIOR TO BHUTTO'S ARRIVAL TENG HAD BEEN ALTERNATING HOST DUTIES WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, TENG'S BACK-TO-BACK RESPONSIBILITIES WERE THE FIRST UNAMBIGUOUS INDICATION THAT TENG STANDS ABOVE LI AS CHOU'S TOP UNDERSTUDY (HONG KONG 5737).

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2. CHOU'S SHEDDING A COAT OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE ARRIVAL OF EACH SUCCESSIVE CHIEF OF STATE (WR 20) STOPPED WITH THE MAKARIOS VISIT. CHOU FOLLOWED THE PATTERN HE ESTABLISHED WITH BHUTTO OF PARTICIPATING IN SOME TALKS, GREETING VISITORS AT THE PRC GUEST HOUSE, AND HOSTING A BANQUET IN ABSENTIA. A USLO SOURCE REPORTS THAT CHOU'S PRESENT REDUCED WORKLOAD HAS CENTRAL COMMITTEE SANCTION AND IS UNRELATED TO SUDDEN ILLNESS (PEKING 0819).

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3. THE SAME USLO SOURCE QUOTED POLITBURO MEMBER CHI TENG-KUEI'S DESCRIPTION OF CHOU AS "STILL VERY MUCH IN CHARGE OF
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DAY-TO-DAY MATTERS." THE CHINESE SEEM INTENT ON KEEPING CHOU'S IMAGE HIGH. AT THE SAME TIME, DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS ARE POINTING TO A NOVEMBER RED FLAG ARTICLE ABOUT CHINA STATE PRIME MINISTER FAN SUI, WHO LIVED IN CHINA AROUND 250 B.C. THE "PRIME MINISTER" USED ILLNESS AS A PRETEXT FOR RESIGNING HIS OFFICE AND THEREBY AVOIDING A CONFRONTATION WITH OPPONENTS OF HIS BOSS. THE ARTICLE HAS RECENTLY BEEN REPUBLISHED AND SOME READERS SPECULATE THE HISTORICAL FIGURE IS A STAND-IN FOR CHOU (HONG KONG 5474).

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4. PLAY DEFENDED AGAINST "ULTRA-LEFT" CHARGE
RECENT COMMENTARY ON A PLAY-- "IN THE PRIME OF LIFE" -- LINKS

THE CURRENT STRUGGLE OVER EDUCATION AND CULTURE WITH ULTRA-LEFTISM AND, BY IMPLICATION, WITH CHIANG CHING. THE PLAY IS ABOUT SCHOOL REFORM AND HAS A SEMI-TRAGIC HEROINE WHOSE REVOLUTIONARY WAYS AS A TEACHER WIN THE HEARTS OF ALL BUT THE REACTIONARY HIGHER-UPS, WHO DRIVE HER OUT OF THE SCHOOL. THE HEROINE IS IDENTIFIABLE WITH CHIANG CHING AND MUCH OF THE COMMENTARY WRITTEN ABOUT THE PLAY HAS AGONIZED OVER ITS ENDING AND FANTASIZED A SEQUEL IN WHICH THE HEROINE RETURNS TRIUMPHANT. THE CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENT BATTLE OVER EDUCATION WAS UNDERSCORED IN MARCH WHEN HUANG SHUAI, A TWELVE- YEAR OLD PRIESTESS OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT, LAUDED THE PLAY IN A PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE. NOW THE PLAY ITSELF IS DESCRIBED AS A TARGET OF EVIL ATTACKS. ACCORDING TO NCNA DOMESTIC SERVICE MAY 20, EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCES OF THE PLAY IN MAY 1972 DREW CHARGES FROM " SOME PEOPLE" THAT IT WAS AN "UNTRA-LEFTIST" PRODUCT AND "AIRING AN OPPOSING VIEW" ON EDUCATION POLICY.

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5. U.S.

AGAIN PEKING PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S MAY 20, 1970 STATEMENT, WHICH HAD FOCUSED ON THE U.S. AS THE ENEMY OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLES. PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY A RAILWAY UNION CADRE WHO DESCRIBED THE MAY 20 STATEMENT AS "A VERY VALUABLE IDEOLOGICAL WEAPON ENABLING US TO ANALYSE THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION". HOWEVER, AS IN CENTRAL MEDIA ARTICLES ON THE SUBJECT THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS, THE ARTICLE OMITTED THE CORE ANTI-U.S. PORTION OF THE MAY 20 STATEMENT. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE FULLY PREPARED AGAINST ANY "SURPRISE ATTACK" BY SOCIAL IMPERIALISM (I.E., THE SOVIET UNION). AT LEAST ONE PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCAST (HIPEI, MAY 19), HOWEVER, CITED THE ANTI-U.S. PORTION OF THE MAY 20

SLOGAN AND ALSO USED THE NON-DIFFERENTIATED FORMULATION ON "SURPRISE ATTACKS" --- INDICATING IT COULD COME FROM EITHER THE IMPERIALISTS (U.S.) OR THE SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS. U.S. BUSINESS CAME UNDER ATTACK IN A PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE OF MAY 15 WHICH DISCUSSED THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS' ALLEGED "PLUNDER AND EXPLOITATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". MEANWHILE, THE DELEGATION OF SIX U.S. GOVERNORS MET VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NEIN AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA ON MAY 17 AND DEPARTED FOR OTHER PARTS OF CHINA ON MAY 20. PEKING MEDIA'S FIRST REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT MIXON'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION WAS CONTAINED IN AN NCNA ACCOUNT OF ARTICLES IN ARGENTINE COMMUNIST PAPERS ATTACKING THE SUPERPOWERS. ONE OF THE CITED ARTICLES WARNED
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THAT PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR LIBERATION CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO "THESE MEETINGS" BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE SUPERPOWERS ARE " CONSPIRING AGAINST THEIR DESTINY". THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, THE ARTICLE SAID, ALSO HAVE SERIOUS CAUSE TO REMAIN VIGILANT.

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6. INDIA

MCNA, MAY 19, CARRIED A BRIEF REPORT WITHOUT COMMENT ON THE INDIAN "NUCLEAR EXPLOSION EXPERIMENT". THE NEXT DAY NCNA CARRIED A SHORT AND RELATIVELY TONE-DOWN ACCOUNT OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S MAY 19 PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT. THE NCNA REPORT OMITTED REFERENCE TO BHUTTO'S "POLITICAL COUNTER-MEASURES" AND HIS STATEMENT ABOUT THE "DIRE NECESSITY" FOR PAKISTAN TO HAVE ITS OWN "NUCLEAR PROGRAM FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES". UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, PEKING IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN OPPOSING INDIA'S TESTING PROGRAM. THE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS, HOWEVER, ARE WORRISOME. PEKING WILL BE RELUCTANT TO EXTEND A NUCLEAR UMBRELLA OVER PAKISTAN OR TO ASSIST ISLAMABAD IN DEVELOPING ITS OWN NUCLEAR PROGRAM. IN MEETING THIS SITUATION PEKING WILL WANT TO REASSURE PAKISTAN WITHOUT STIRRING UP CONFRONTATION IN THE SUBCONTINENT OR IN SINO-INDIAN AFFAIRS (HONG KONG 5706). INTERESTINGLY , SINCE A SHORT ITEM OF MAY 15, NCNA HAS NOT REPORTED ON THE LABOR TROUBLE IN INDIA.

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7. SOVIET UNION

WHILE SO FAR AVOID ING COMMENT ON THE INDIAN TEST (ITEM 6), PEKING DENOUNCED THE SOVIET UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OF MAY 16 AS ANOTHER SIGN OF MOSCOW'S DRIVE FOR NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY (NCNA MAY 19). A PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY OF MAY 16 ALSO FOCUSED ON EXPOSING THE SOVIET UNION'S "HYPOCRITICAL " AND " "SHAM" DISARMAMENET PROPOSALS. PEKING RESPONDED TO RECENT CRITICISM FROM TASS OF PEKING'S REITERATION OF SUPPORT (DURING BHUTTO'S VISIT) OF SELF - DETERMINATION FOR KASHMIR. THIS

RESPONSE WAS IN THE FORM OF A MAY 19 COMMENTARY ARTICLE WHICH DISCUSSED

THE HISTORY OF THE KASHMIR ISSUE AND CHARGED THAT THE SOVIETS
WERE TRYING TO MAKE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION MORE COMPLICATED
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IN ORDER " TO USE AND ENLARGE THE INDIAN-PAKISTAN CONFLICT
TO FURTHER THEIR AMBITIONS,"
SIGNIFICANTLY, THE ARTICLE DID NOT GO INTO THE QUESTION OF THE
INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT ATTITUDE ON THE KASHMIR ISSURE.
ON MAY 16, MOSCOW ASKED THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE
TO TRY TO ARRANGE CONTACT WITH THE DETAINED CREW OF THE
CAPTURED SOVIET HELICOPTER. THE CHINESE, HOWEVER, CONTINUED
THE PUBLIC SILENCE. MEANWHILE, AS EXPECTED, THE SINO-SOVIET
TRADE AGREEMENT FOR 1974 WAS SIGNED ON MAY 15 (HONG KONG
5483).

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8. VIETNAM

IN ITS STRONGEST, AUTHORITATIVE CRITICISM OF U.S. ACTIONS IN
VIETNAM SINCE JANUARY, A PEOPLE'S DAILY "COMMENTATOR"
ARTICLE OF MAY 21 CHARGED THAT "OF LATE THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES,
BACKED BY THE U.S. HAVE TAKEN ALL ACTIONS TO STEP UP VIOLATION
AND SABOTAGE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. " THE ARTICLE ALLEGED THAT
THE U.S. HAD LEFT BEHIND IN SOUTH VIETNAM "MANY DISGUISED
MILITARY PERSONNEL," HAD INCREASED ITS MILITARY AND ECONOMIC
AID TO SAIGON, AND HAD "GONE SO FAR AS TO THREATEN AND
INTIMIDATE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE." THE ARTICLE EXPRESSED FIRM
SUPPORT FOR DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT
OF MAY 15 AND 17, BUT ITS COMMENTS WERE CONSIDERABLY Milder THAT THE
DRV PROTESTS WHICH HAD CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. AND SAIGON HAD
CREATED AN " EXTREMELY SERIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM."
PEOPLE'S DAILY CHARGED ONLY THAT THE VIOLATIONS HAD
"AGGRAVATED TENSION". NCNA DURING THE WEEK CARRIED NO REPORTS ON
THE RECENT FIGHTING AROUND SAIGON. PEKING MEDIA ALSO AGAIN
IGNORED DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENTS REGARDING THE STATION-
ING OF U.S FORCES IN THAILAND AND THE INDONESIAN DELGATION'S
ATTITUDE IN THE ICCS.

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9. CAMBODIA

KHIEU SAMPHAN, WHO SEEMS IN NO HURRY TO RETURN TO THE FRONT
LINE, ARRIVED BACK IN PEKING ON MAY 20 AFTER A THREE-DAY STOPOVER IN
SINKIANG. A LONG MAY 19 NCNA REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA
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REPEATED THE JUDGEMENT FIRST HEARD IN MARCH THAT THE PHNOM
PENH REGIME " MAY COLLAPSE ANY DAY IN SPITE OF U.S . SUPPORT". THE
REPORT CHARGED THAT U.S. AID TO PHNOM PENH THIS YEAR WILL
EXCEED \$600 MILLION AND THAT 3,000 AMERICAN ARE WORKING AS
ADVISERS IN CAMBODIA. THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE, HOWEVER, WERE SAID
TO HAVE FRUSTRATED " THESE WAR SCHEMES OF U.S. IMPERIALISM ON THE
BATTLEFIELD" AND AT THE SAME TIME "INCESSANTLY FOILED THE
TRICKS OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS"-- APPARENTLY REFERRING TO PEACE
EFFORTS.

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10. LAOS

PEKING MEDIA ALSO CARRIED CRITICISM OF U.S. ACTIONS IN LAOS IN THE FORM OF AN NCNA MAY 21 ACCOUNT OF SOUPHANOUVONG'S POLITICAL REPORT OF MAY 10 TO THE NATIONAL COALITION POLITICAL COUNCIL. NCNA'S EXCERPTS INCLUDED SOUPHANOUVONG'S DEMAND THAT THE U.S. AND THAILAND STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE VIETIANE AGREEMENT, STOP THEIR "AGGRESSION AND INTERVENTION" AND COMPLETELY WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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11. JAPAN

NCNA CARRIED AN AUTHORITATIVE PEOPLE'S DAILY "COMMENTATOR" ARTICLE (MAY 17) HAILING THE SIGNING OF THE PRC-JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT AND REPORTED FAVORABLE COMMENT OF OFFICIALS AND NEWSPAPERS IN JAPAN. "COMMENTATOR" TERMED THE SIGNING "OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS AND EXCHANGES AND A "HEAVY BLOW" TO REACTIONARIES (LIKE SEIRANKAI). THE ARTICLE ALSO CITED THE NEED TO CONCLUDE OTHER AGREEMENTS AND URGED THE REALIZATION OF AIR LINKS PRIOR TO THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF

NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS (HONG KONG 5552).

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VOICE WAS HEARD. BURIED IN A PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE ON THE
REVOLUTIONARY WRITER LU HSUN, WAS A REFERENCE TO LU'S WARNING
THAT IN THE PAST " JAPANESE AGGRESSOR'S HAD ADVOCATED "SINO-
JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP" AND THE " KINGLY WAY OF BENEVOLENT NEIGHBORS'
AS A COVER FOR THE GUILLOTINES DRAPED WITH JAPANESE FLAGS".
THE ARTICLE, AS CARRIED BY NCNA MAY 21 PRAISED THE WRITER AS
AN ARDENT ANTI- CONFUCIANIST WHO HAD DARED TO GO AGAINST
THE TIDE IN HIS DAY.

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13. PORTUGAL AND THE AFRICAN COLONIES
NCNA (MAY 18) REPORTED THE FORMATION OF THE NEW PORTUGUESE
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THERE WAS NO COMMENT EXCEPT FOR THE
STATEMENT THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAD INDICATED IT WOULD
"CONTINUE TO WAGE COLONIALIST WAR IN AFRICA". NCNA DID NOT REPORT THE

PARTY AFFILIATIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTER MARIO SOARES AND MINISTER
WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ALVARO CUNHAL.

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14. SENEGAL
AFTER A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO NORTH KOREA, SENEGAL'S PRESIDENT
SENGHOR RETURNED TO CHINA TO END HIS OFFICIAL VISIT WHICH BEGAN
MAY 6. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MAY 18 REPORTED MUTUAL
SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF THE TALKS. IN THE COMMUNIQUE
"BOTH SIDES" ADOPTED MUCH OF THE CHINESE JARGON ON THE
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OF YEC AHRUY GYGUN VZABRONGU ZBTLOF RILS#
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WD#HINESE PREFER TO SKIP THE ISSUANCE OF
A COMMUNIQUE AS THEY DID ON THE OCCASION OF KAUNDA'S AND NYERERE'S
VISITS EARLIER THIS YEAR. CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD ON
FURTHER CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. BUT THE COMMUNIQUE
NOTED THE NEED TO CARRY OUT EXCHANGES IN A "PLANNED WAY" AND
SAID THAT DISCUSSION WOULD BE HELD LATER VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS
(NCNA MAY 16-18).

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15. EUROPE

NCNA (MAY 20) REPORTED THE ELECTIONS OF FRENCH PRESIDENT D'ESTAING AND WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT (MAY 16); TUNG PI-WU SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW FRG PRESIDENT WALTER SCHEEL. NCNA (MAY 17) CITED SCHMIDT'S STATEMENT THAT GERMANY'S FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND NOTED HIS CONCERN OVER THE ARMING OF THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS.

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16. MALAYASIA AND SINGAPORE

ON MAY 21 NCNA ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRC AND PALAYASIA HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THAT AT THE INVITATION OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, PREMIER MINISTER RAZAK WILL VISIT CHINA MAY 28 TO FORMALIZE THE AGREEMENT. MEANWHILE, AT A RECEPTION HONORING THE VISITING SINGAPORE SHOOTING TEAM, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALL CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION DECLARED THAT SINGAPORE AND HINA ARE "CLOSE NEIGHBORS" AND FORECAST THAT THE LONG HISTORY AND TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE "FURTHER DEVELOPED AND CONSOLIDATED" (NCNA MAY 19).

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17. AUSTRALIA

NCNA (MAY 20) CARRIED A RARE REPORT OF A DEMONSTRATION IN AUSTRALIA AGAINST U.S. MILITARY BASES. THE BRIEF ITEM NOTED THAT DEMONSTRATORS CONVERGING ON THE U.S. BASE AT NORTHWEST CAPE HAD DEMANDED THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL U.S. BASES IN AUSTRALIA.

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18. CYPRUS

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' LATEST OFFICIAL VISIT THE THE PRC, WHICH BEGAN MAY 16, HAS BEEN OF THE STANDARD DELUXE VARIETY. AT THE BANQUET HONORING THE PRELATE, TENG HSIAO-PING REPEATED STANDARD PRC THEMES, BUT STRESSED THE THREAT OF THE SUPERPOWERS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. IN REPLY, THE ARCHBISHOP NOTED THAT AFTER AN INTERVAL OF "DIGNIFIED ISOLATION" CHINA WAS NOW
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PLAYING A ROLE OF "DECISIVE" IMPORTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFIARS AND SUBSCRIBED TO THE PRC VIEW THAT AS YET THERE CAN BE NO PERMANENT PEACE IN THE WORLD. MAKARIOS WAS EFFUSIVE IN HIS PRAISE OF MAO, BUT HE DID NOT VOICE ACCEPTANCE OF CHINA AS A

MEMBER OF THE THIRD WORLD.

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19. THE MIDDLE EAST

THE PEOPLE'S DAILY "COMMENTATOR" MAY 18 CONDEMNED THE RECENT
ISRAELI ATTACK ON LEBANON AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS.
THE EDITORIAL HARPED ON THE SUPERPOWERS AND WARNED AGAINST
"NONESENSE ABOUT JUST AND LASTING PEACE".

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